

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday, March 19th 2018

300 Sower Blvd. Training Room C

In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Ray Adams, SWCC Chair; Mr. Scotty Parsons; Mr. Danny Shipley; Mr. Sam Hughes; Mr. Don Minton; and Mr. Marc Hult.

Others Present: Ms. Johnna McHugh, DOC Assistant Director; Mr. Charles Snavelly, Secretary of EEC; Ms. Ava Adams, KACD Auxiliary President; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, KACDE President; Mr. Tim Hughes, KDA; Mr. Jacob Bowman, USDA, FSA; Mr. Jay Nelson, DOC; Mr. Reed Cripps, NRCS; Mr. Mike West EEC, OGC; Ms. Crystal Renfro Ex. Director KACD and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, DOC.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 am by Mr. Ray Adams, Chairman.

SWCC Minutes from the January 11th, 2018 Meeting - Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Don Milton. **Motion carried.**

Equipment Report - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report with copies distributed.

- **Statement of Operations** –Ms. Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Mr. Scotty Parsons made the motion to approve this report. Mr. Sam Hughes seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests.**
 1. The Carter County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a new manure spreader. Cost of equipment would be \$10,900.00. No trade-in. The district will be placing 1/3 down in cash at \$3,633.33. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$7,266.67. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Ray Adams and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request.** No approvals were requested.

Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the requests.

- **Vacancy petitions.**
 - Grant County – James F. Morris, Jr. to serve the unexpired term of Kenwood Soper(2018)
 - Lawrence County – Ruth Ann Smith to serve the unexpired term of Dale Smith (2020)
 - Martin County – Terry Spence to serve unexpired term (2020)
 - Owsley County – James G. Cornett to serve the unexpired term of Randall Thomas (2018)
 - North Logan County – Dustin Epley to serve the unexpired term (2020)
 - Scott County – Michelle McCall to serve the unexpired term of John Lacy (2018)
- **Incentive Per Diem** – No per diems were up for approval.

Agriculture District Program - Ms. McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Four (4) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 959.15 acres.

1. Meade County (Petition No. 082-02) – 413.34 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

Nine (9) new agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 8,558.47 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES
Ballard	004-06	586.38
Ballard	004-03	3,966.82
Fleming	035-24	385.00
Fleming	035-30	1,212.38
Green	044-01	288.26
Green	044-02	422.00
Green	044-03	700.00
Taylor	109.01	419.03
Washington	115-03	578.60

New Business – Mr. Ray Adams discussed the follow with the board.

- Report from the Environmental Grant committee
 - Looking at grant for DAR
 - Fully fund dead animal removal up to \$7,500 and approve the remaining \$2,500.00 to counties that have already received only \$5,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
 - Schedule new subcommittee meeting in near future.
- Agriculture Water Quality Authority Nominations
 - Total of 2 openings upcoming this year.
- Discussion of Dissolution questions – Mr. Ray Adams discussed KRS 262.200/KRS 262.53/ KRS 262.560.

Division of Conservation Report – Ms. Johnna McHugh discussed the follow with the board.

- Area Meeting
 - Area 1 – Mr. Scotty Parsons said the Calloway County meeting had good attendance and was well attended.
 - Area 2 – Mr. Jeff Rice said the area meeting was well attended, with both Ms. Paulette Akers and Ms. Crystal Renfro being introduced to everyone.

- Environmental Grants
 - Copies of State Cost Share Manual (draft) were distributed.
 - Board to review manual for approval at next meeting.
 - Look at revising regulation in future.

Agency Reports

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Mr. Reed Cripps in place of Ms. Karen Woodrich updated the board about these items:
 - EQIP to be distributed in mid-April
 - Looking at advertising for 3 new employees
 - NRCS has funded a total of 30 50/50 grants
 - Reorganization with USDA and NRCS
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Mr. John Small discussed how he continues to learn more each day, and his mission is to get funding out as quick as possible to districts. Mr. John Small said Ms. Paulette has been a great help with working with and making sure all regulatory requirements are being followed.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Mr. Tim Hughes updated the board about these items:
 - National Agriculture week is March 19th through March 23rd.
 - Partnership with Kroger.
 - Seminar on Farm to Fork being held.
- **Agriculture Education/FFA State Advisor**- Not attended
- **Farm Service Agency** – Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky** – Not attended
- **Division of Forestry** – Mr. John Small updated the board about how Forestry has been working with Daniel Boone National Forest with controlled burns this season. Mr. John Small said that Forestry is currently having a low spring fire season and that 22 Forestry employees are helping out in Oklahoma.
- **KACDE** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
 - Upcoming mid-year meeting to discuss KACD Convention.
 - Looking for suggestions for employee breakout sessions.
 - Attending area meetings to educate attendees on KACDE.

New Business - Ms. Crystal Renfro discussed the follow with the board:

- Attending area meetings and meeting everyone.
- NACD Fly-In – 6 NACD members will attend in Washington.
- KACD has a Twitter and Facebook account now.
- Starting to develop a KACD newsletter.

Next Board Meeting – May 21st, 9:00 am 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY.

Adjourned - Mr. Don Minton motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried**